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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**

In re:

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF
SAN FRANCISCO,

Debtor and Debtor in Possession.

Case No.: 23-30564

Chapter 11

**STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE
UNITED STATES TRUSTEE'S MOTION
FOR ORDER APPOINTING FEE
EXAMINER AND ESTABLISHING
PROCEDURES FOR REQUESTING
PROFESSIONAL COMPENSATION AND
REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES [ECF
No. 389]**

Hearing:

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The Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Committee"), by its counsel, hereby
files this statement in support (the "Statement") of the *United States Trustee's Motion for Order
Appointing Fee Examiner and Establishing Procedures for Requesting Professional Compensation
and Reimbursement of Expenses* (the "Fee Examiner Motion").

1 A fee examiner is essential for the proper and transparent management of this complex
2 Chapter 11 case. The unique nature of this case, coupled with the involvement of numerous estate-
3 paid professionals, necessitates a meticulous review of fees. The appointment of a fee examiner will
4 serve as a safeguard; the independent oversight is crucial to the hundreds of child sexual abuse
5 survivors monitoring this case. From survivors' perspective, a fee examiner will maintain the
6 integrity of the bankruptcy process, foster accountability, and uphold ethical standards. The
7 examiner's role in scrutinizing the reasonableness of fees will contribute significantly to the fair
8 distribution of resources, ensuring that the interests of all stakeholders, including the survivors and
9 the Debtor, are adequately represented and protected.

10 Furthermore, in a case involving such sensitivity and public interest, the appointment of a fee
11 examiner carries added significance. It not only underscores the parties' commitment to transparency
12 but also serves to enhance confidence in the bankruptcy system. By supporting the appointment of
13 an impartial examiner to thoroughly evaluate the compensation sought by professionals, the parties
14 demonstrate their dedication to fairness and transparency.

15 This bankruptcy has an important goal: fairly and expeditiously compensating survivors . A
16 fee examiner will keep all parties focused on that goal and will preserve estate resources for the
17 survivors. Appointment of a fee examiner is a step that will ultimately reinforce trust in the
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1 bankruptcy system, assuring all involved parties and the public that the proceedings are conducted
2 with integrity and scrutiny.

3 Dated: January 11, 2024

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